CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION TRANSMITTAL SHEET

I am pleased to submit the enclosed report on the FY2006 Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) selection criteria and methodology, as required by Section 608(b)(1) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, Pub. L. 108-199, Division D (the "Act"). On July 28th, 2005, the list of countries that are candidates for MCA assistance in FY2006 were transmitted to the appropriate Congressional committees. This report identifies the criteria and methodology that the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) intends to use to determine which of these candidate countries will be eligible to be considered for MCA assistance in FY2006.

As required by the Act, the information contained in this report will also be published in the <u>Federal Register</u>. Consistent with Section 608(c)(1) of the Act, there will be a thirty (30) day period following publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> during which the public can provide comments regarding the determination of eligible countries.

In accordance with Section 608 (c)(2), members of MCC's staff are available to meet with you to discuss the extent to which candidate countries meet the criteria contained in this report. If you or your staff would like to arrange a meeting, please contact Jake Stefanik at (202) 521-3600. The attached report is being sent to the Congress on September 6, 2005.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated